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193RD SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING

Look twice, save lives



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Culeen Shaffer

Rubbernecking by an unannounced, staged motorcycle accident was the exact effect desired by 193rd SOW members who don't want Airmen to be a part of the real thing. "Look twice" is not just a catchy phrase. It could keep you alive when it comes to sharing the roads with motorcycles.

By Senior Airman Vicki Angell

We've all driven by the scene of an accident and experienced the frantic chaos of sirens blaring, fire engine lights flashing and emergency workers shouting. When passing by, it's nearly impossible not to wonder what happened. Is anyone hurt? Whose fault was it?

But rubbernecking isn't usually welcomed by those involved in the incident.

Recently, though, taking a second look was exactly the desired effect as 193rd Special Operations Wing staged an unannounced, realistic motorcycle safety exer-

cise during a morning drill commute. What could be the benefits of staging a traffic accident? The purpose was to make us all look twice. Base fire fighter, Staff Sgt. Jeremy Saul said, "This crash scene is very believable. It could easily happen and we are just fortunate that (today) it has not."

Saul works as a fire fighter in Harrisburg City and responds to an increasing number of motorcycle accidents each week.

The rising cost of fuel seemed to have put more and more motorcyclists on the road this year.

Tech. Sgt. Tim Greiner, a leader in the 193rd SOW Motorcycle Club, believes the exercise was extremely beneficial in getting the point across that we are all in it together when we share the roads.

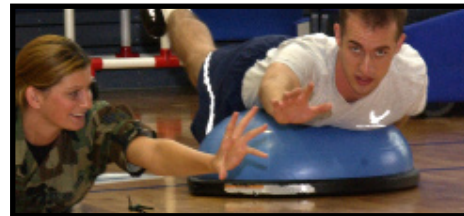
"It emphasized the need for motorists to look twice before moving into oncoming traffic," said Greiner. "It is far too easy for car operators to overlook a motorcycle when they only look once."

Nearly 66 percent of traffic accidents between motorcycles and vehicles occur in an intersection, said Greiner.

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The chief perspective: Volunteer to make a difference

By Chief Master Sgt. Cynthia Good



The word "volunteer" has many different meanings. The Webster dictionary defines a "volunteer" as "One who renders a service or takes part in a transaction while having no legal concern or interest." The Rogets dictionary defines a "volunteer" as "Someone who offers his or her services freely."

To me, volunteering is all about giving back. It's my way to show my appreciation for the life I have experienced.

I'm not exactly sure when I first became a "volunteer" or what steered me in that direction. However, I do know that my life experiences and my military service with the 193rd have deepened that conviction.

I grew up in small town America (Carlisle, Pa.) in the classic family consisting of a mom, dad, and siblings. We didn't have a lot of money but my parents made sure we had what we needed. Most importantly, my mom and dad gave me, my sister, and my brother their support and their unconditional love. And...as I was growing up...I took it all for granted.

Then, after college, a friend of mine "dared" me to join the Army National Guard with her as part of the "buddy program." Being a very competitive individual, I did it. Of course, a month before we were supposed to leave for basic training she accepted a teaching position

and was able to get out of her military commitment. I was not happy.

However, thinking back on that time, it was probably the best thing that could have happened to me. I had the opportunity to prove to myself that I could go it on my own. Yes, I had gone away to college for four years but basic training was a whole different environment. In college I could do pretty much what I wanted to do as long as I fit some study time into the mix.

At basic training, I had zero control of my life. I wasn't allowed to call my mom and dad for the first 4 weeks. I wasn't allowed to leave the platoon area. I wasn't allowed to go to the PX or buy a soda from the machine that was right outside of the WWII barracks I was in.

I thought this was extremely unfair especially since I was 21 and older than most of the other women in my platoon...including my drill sergeant.

It was this experience that taught me to value my family....to appreciate what I have...to love my country.

Since that time, I have experienced quite a few other "ah-ha" moments that reinforced the fact that I am very fortunate.

From deployments to austere locations where people are far less fortunate than we are...to seeing women who have far fewer freedoms and "rights."

From working in my civilian job with the Department of Public Welfare... where I learned that the less fortunate are prevalent in our society...from the lack of healthcare to lack of food to the elderly who have to choose between eating or heating their home or buying their medications...and there is insufficient aid for all of them.

From visits to any number of cities where you see homeless veterans who need care. I could go on and on but I think you get the picture.

Each time I experience this feeling of being "fortunate" I start to wonder what I can do to "give back" to my community.

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Promotions

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Megan J. Beattie 193 MXS
Christopher Fenstermacher 211 EIS
Alexandra M. Schmid 211 EIS
Amanda N. Passmore 211 EIS
Kevin M. Dalbey 193 MXS

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Michael S. Niu 193 Stu Flt

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Todd M. Bogdanovich 193 SOW

News In Brief



New AF Travel Card Issued by Citi©

The new Government Travel Charge Card (GTCC), issued by Citi, is on the way. All government cardholders will receive their new cards during the August 13 thru September timeframe (plus mailing time). Initial distribution will begin with cardholders at OCONUS bases and migrate from the west to the east coast.

Notify your local Agency Program Coordinator (APC) if you have not received your new card by Oct. 1. Remember – the new card will not be active for use until November 30 so you'll still need your Bank of America GTC until that published start date.

For more information, contact your local APC. Cardholders can also obtain additional GTC information on the Air Force Portal (<https://www.my.af.mil>), www.defensetravel.dod.mil, or www.gsa.gov/smartpay.

MSG seeks new first sergeant

Col. David Smoker, the 193rd Mission Support Group commander, would like to announce the opening of the MSG first sergeant position. Any interested applicants should follow the instructions in 193rd SOW Instruction 36-2104, "First Sergeant Selection Program." Applications must be received by Command Chief Scott Keener by close of business Oct. 19. Interviews will be conducted during the Nov. UTA. Applicants will submit an official application package to the 193rd Command Chief. Packages will include, but are not limited to, a memorandum of endorsement from the applicant's immediate supervisor and commander, three memorandums of recommendation, a memorandum of intent as to why the applicant wants the position, and a civilian and military resume.

Mandatory requirements for first sergeant applicants; Applicants must be in the grade of E-7 or have completed the requirements to be promoted to the grade of E-7 with at least three years retainability in the Air National Guard. In addition, applicants must be in compliance with AFI 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel, must achieve at least a "good" ANG fitness rating in accordance with ANGI 10-248, The Air National Guard Fitness Program, and display an overall image that exceeds minimum standards, and be able to complete the mandatory First Sergeant Academy not later than one year from the date assigned to the First Sergeant's position, if selected. Applicants will also ensure they meet the qualifications established in AFI 36-2113, "The First Sergeant."

The First Sergeant is a vital link between the unit commander, base agencies, and enlisted personnel within the unit. Strong leadership traits, professional maturity, and command support are necessary to successfully perform duties as a First Sergeant.



Spirit of the Guard, 193rd served up at Ramstein

By 1st Lt. Jay Ostrich

The National Guard has come a long way since the butcher, baker and candlestick maker took up arms around Philadelphia in 1747 when Benjamin Franklin created an organization of citizen soldiers called the Associators.

Today, you are more likely to run into the student, the teacher and policy maker if you meet the patriotic progeny of the Pennsylvania National Guard. Regardless of occupation though, the spirit and desire of the Guard to serve their communities, commonwealth and country runs deep.

No one knows service or quite lives it more than the member of the 193rd SOW's Services Flight.

That's why for 15 days of annual training at Ramstein Air Base, Germany more than members of the 193rd Services Flight sharpened their knives and skills in an effort to serve you better.

"It's extremely helpful for our younger Airmen to come to such an active base and really get to see how it's done," said Tech. Sgt. Mitchell K. Bailey, dining facility supervisor for the 193rd SOW Services Flight and former civilian food service director. "Our goal is to come here, blend in and get to work. No one should be able to tell the difference between active duty personnel and Guardsmen on annual training."

Ultimately, these Airmen are no strangers to overseas missions or working alongside their active duty counterparts. For many in the 193rd Service Flight, the days of one weekend a month and two weeks a year training have long since gone in the wake of the Global War on Terror.

"We've been pretty hectic for a while," said Bailey who has recently deployed to several Southwest Asia locations and the state of Louisiana to stand up services in hurricane ravaged areas.

"Our Guardsmen have to be ready to roll out of their day jobs and shift gears into a deployment anywhere in the world within 24-48 hours."

For SVF officers like 2nd Lt. Anne Furman, the job of the services flight is often misunderstood, with far too many Airman



Photo By Tech. Sgt. Culeen Shaffer

Senior Airman Katrina Scheibelhut of the 193rd Special Operations Wing, Middletown, Pa., demonstrates a superman exercise to Senior Airman Stephen Brest of the 1st Air and Space Communication Squadron during circuit training at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

thinking the SVF begins and ends in the dining facility.

"The temptation is to say everything we do begins and ends in the dining facility, but that's really just the start," said Furman, an assistant dean of admissions at Shipensburg. "When you sleep, eat, workout or need something to do with your off time, we watch over the whole scope."

Services overseas the morale, welfare and recreation programs for deployments including running gyms and intramural sports, said Furman. In Germany, her team rolled up their sleeves to run the base gymnasiums and sports facilities, along with running the dining facility. They even had an opportunity to work in mortuary services, another little known responsibility for this diverse shop.

But for first-time deployers like Airman 1st Class Megan Brown it was an opportunity to strengthen her skills, travel to new places and strengthen the camaraderie in her shop.

"It's been a really great opportunity," said Brown who has been with the unit for more than two years. "It's brought our whole unit closer together and I'll take a lot of what I learned here back to the unit."

Whether butcher, baker or volleyball court maker, with the help and experience

gained from their annual training at Ramstein, members of the 193rd SVF are now better prepared to serve up whatever you need on your next deployment.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Culeen Shaffer

Tech. Sgt. Thomas Hoffman of the 193rd Special Operations Wing, Middletown, Pa., lines a softball field during Air National Guard annual training at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Hoffman is one of many airmen from the 193rd SOW who went to Ramstein for training during June 2008.

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- Tech. Sgt. Mitchell K. Bailey



Look twice *(Continued from page 1)*

Safety officer, Master Sgt. Pat Devine also believes this exercise sends a critical message.

He has seen his share of motorcycle accidents involving 193rd Airmen, including two recent fatalities. Many, he said, are preventable by remembering a simple method.

"It is absolutely critical that four-wheel vehicle drivers be completely aware of two-wheel vehicle drivers. It is all part of that wingman mentality. We all have to look out for one another. You have to look twice. Once is not enough"

Even though the "101 Critical Days of Summer" have ended, the message of this

motorcycle safety exercise should be remembered year round. Motorists and motorcyclists must work together to make traveling safer. Each must be aware of the other as they drive.

It is not enough to check both ways once. Look twice; be sure that it is clear before you motor on.

Nearly 66 percent of traffic accidents between motorcycles and vehicles occur in an intersection.

Which Bike Rider Are You?

A full face helmet is by far the most important protective gear you can wear. It drastically reduces the incidence of traumatic brain injury. Traumatic brain injury can range from a minor concussion to a severe life changing disability to death. If you don't wear a helmet then plan on the worst case scenario—even if driving at a low speed.

Chest injuries are uncommon but relatively severe when they occur. Examples are pneumothorax (punctured lung), hemothorax (blood filling the space around the lung and collapsing the lung),

Common musculoskeletal (broken bones) injuries are pelvis and shoulder fractures. A pelvis fracture can be life threatening as it will often sever one of the large blood vessels lying just under the bone. Other common injuries are leg and arm bone fractures. These injuries are usually much worse than the fractures seen in sports. They more often involve shattered bones that are much

more difficult to repair and can lead to lifelong disabilities.

Thick, tough leather provides the most protection against soft tissue injury (road rash). Cordura, kevlar and ballistic nylon also protect against soft tissue injury, but to a lesser degree. None of these materials will lessen the risk for traumatic injury to the musculoskeletal system.

**DON'T BE A STATISTIC.
PROTECT YOURSELF.
RIDE SMART.**



and cardiac tamponade (blood leaking into the space around the heart and compressing the heart making it unable to expand and fill in order to circulate blood to vital organs).

LOOK TWICE

SAVE A LIFE



Sounding Off



What you need to know to keep you flying...

Upcoming events: Fun for entire family

FIREHOUSE TOUR: Sat, October 18 from 10 a.m. to noon at the 193rd Special Operations Wing firehouse - tours, refreshments, "Smokey the Bear" - in order to have enough hand-outs and refreshments available, please register child/children with the Family Support Office.

DISNEY ON ICE, "Worlds of Fantasy" Sat, November 8 at 7 p.m. - at the Giant Center in Hershey - \$20 per person - children under 2 free. Contact FSO to reserve seats.

SPOUSE'S/SIGNIFICANT OTHER'S LUNCH AND EXPO: Sat, November 15 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Building 8-80 at Fort Indiantown Gap - various speakers, several doorprizes, free lunch. Please contact the Family Support office to register.

NEW YORK CITY BUS TRIP: Sat, 20 December - \$45 per person - leaving MDT at 6 a.m. and leaving Fort Indiantown Gap at 7 a.m. Please contact the Family Support office to reserve your seat/seats.

What's on the Menu



26 SEP
UTA PAYDAY

Saturday

Pasta Bar w/3 sauces
Garlic Bread
Fried Chicken
Veg Du Jour
Soup Du Jour
Mashed Potatoes

Sunday

Salisbury Steak
Ham Steak
Scalloped Potatoes
Veg Du Jour
Soup Du Jour

Snack Line

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If you think you're up for the challenge of flying aboard the Air Force's only PSYOP platform and ready to be a vital part of a flight crew, get your application package ready today!

The next Weapons Systems Officer Selection board will be held in second quarter FY09 (Jan, Feb or Mar) final date TBD. Start working on your packages and get scheduled for your AFOQT now.

Contact 1st Lt. Kathy Pearson at 717.948.2473 or Kathleen.pearson@paharr.ang.af.mil for a complete list of applicant and package requirements, submission questions and/or to let her know of your interest in applying. If you'd like to learn more about the WSO position please visit the WSO section at the 193d OPS building on any drill weekend or during duty hours.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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WSO Recruiting: 1st Lt. Kathy Pearson

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Dauphin County's

COMMUNITY RECYCLING DAY

Saturday, October 4th
HACC Harrisburg Campus
9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.
(Limited to Dauphin County residents only)

ITEMS ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING:

(SORRY, NO EXCEPTIONS!)

For FREE:	For a FEE:	For REUSE:
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Questions?



Call the
Dauphin County Recycling Hotline
at 780-6351.

SPECIAL NOTICE:

This event **WILL NOT** accept any type of household hazardous waste (such as pesticides, paint, used oil, etc.) Dauphin County residents (only!) should call 1-800-449-7587 to schedule their **FREE CURBSIDE PICK-UP** of HHW.



Volunteer *(Continued from page 2)*

Well, about 15 years ago I found out what I could do...become a VOLUNTEER. Becoming a volunteer allowed me to get involved in causes I believed in. It also gave me the opportunity to feel I was giving back.

To me, volunteering is an extension of one of the Air Force Core Values, "Service Before Self". As a member of the 193rd Special Operations Wing, we know that "Service before Self" is a core value we must live everyday in order to succeed as a wing. I also believe it's important to expand the "Service before Self" value well beyond the boundary of our military mission and base.

Just look around you. There are opportunities out there for

everyone to get involved. Help out at your local food bank. Become a firefighter. Hold a food drive at work. Help out at the local animal shelter. Be a Big Brother/Big Sister. Help out with a local Relay For Life. Become a driver for Meals On Wheels. Volunteer for the American Cancer Society. Help maintain a hiking trail. Volunteer for Habitat Humanity.

Remember Margaret Mead's famous quote... "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Go ahead and make a difference... Volunteer!

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world."

- Margaret Mead

ABOUT FACE

"What was your favorite part about the 193rd Family Day?"



Capt. Angela D. Stater, MFS Commander

"The best thing about family day was the location. It was nice to have a chance to relax with family and fellow Airmen at City Island. If you ask my children what they liked best, they would say the merry-go-round and the train!"



Master Sgt. Kris Gacono, Retention Office Manager

"This celebration is wonderful because it puts the emphasis where it belongs, on the family. It is nice that the event was at City Island because it let us get away from our normal work environment and relax."



Tech. Sgt. Johnny L. Johnson, Equal Opportunity Specialist

"The best parts of family day were the food and camaraderie. My wife even said the hamburgers were excellent."



Tech. Sgt. Jerry A. Digennaro, FM Quality Assurance Manager

"The 'Pie in the Face' contest was really the highlight of the day for me. It was great that so much money was raised for a good cause."

**UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH THE 193RD
SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING FAMILY.**



The Bird's Word: Better to feed the media

By Lt. Jay Ostrich

Every now and then, some folks with wire-rimmed eyeglasses, ballpoint pen and seemingly innocuous pad of paper call the 193rd for answers.

Most of the time, it's a matter of clarifying simple facts or finding a subject matter expert among the more than 1,700 members of the unit to help them find their way.

No problem, Mr. Reporter, we have your back, have a nice day.

Other times, they ask us to answer the seemingly unanswerable about deployments, operations or moments when our integrity and processes have been called into question. Houston or Middletown, we have a problem.

Having done media relations in this unit for the better part of the Global War on Terror, I can tell you, without flinching, this is the time when some Airmen circle the wagons, close their mouths and find a corner of an undisclosed Southwest Asia in which to hide.

It's also about the time I start foraging through the want ads for a new career, because I know what is coming – a really bad story. I let out a groan right about then because I know it didn't have to come to this. We should have answered our own mail.

Somehow, somewhere, a nasty and false

rumor got around the military that if you keep quiet with the media or avoid an uncomfortable question, it's the best way to protect yourself and your organization.

Whoa, Nellie!

Try and shut the barn door all you like, but the horses are out and they ain't coming back. Not only that, but the wolves are still at the gate and they're looking mighty hungry.

When it comes to military media relations, remember this: You can feed 'em or you can starve 'em, but the media is going to eat.

Admittedly, stonewalling or starving the media has one definite outcome: It makes an adversary out of reporter who otherwise might be supportive or at least objective in their intention.

No, I'm not naïve. I've worked plenty of stories where there was hostile intent toward the 193rd or to the military; but I still find most of my civilian counterparts to be honest and ethical when you deal with them honestly and ethically. But nothing will tick off a reporter more than when they have to work hard to uncover something they pretty much already know is a fact.

Ultimately though, the main problem from starving the media is we miss oppor-

tunities to speak for ourselves. Without our cooperation, a reporter is still going to pay the mortgage. Bottom line: This means someone else will speak for us, i.e. a hostile party, uninformed, so-called "experts" or any other fool off the street who will say something to complete a story.

What's that mean to you? Everything.

From your reputation to that of your wing, one bad interaction with the media can change how millions of people see you. Since perception is reality, why in the world would you ever want trust it in the hands of a perfect stranger?

Whether the story is good, bad or ugly, getting out in front of the cameras and microphones is always our best bet because it gives us the opportunity to get out our point of view, correct the record and display integrity.

Does it guarantee a good story? No, never; but it gives you a chance where the alternative never will.

So unless you are comfortable dining out and having someone else order for you, please step up to the dinner plate or mic, remembering no matter what you do, the media is going to eat.

Bon appétit!

NEW SCOPE FEATURE



"So what's the caption?"

Send us your ideas over drill by noon, Sunday. Winners get some really cool 193rd schwag! Entries will be judged by the Public Affairs team, with first and second prizes published in next month's Scope. Rules: Heck, just be original and have fun! Send to:

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Globalization flattens world

By State Command Chief Master Sgt. Ralph Braden

Did you know that the world is flat? Or maybe I should ask have you read "The World is Flat" by Thomas L. Friedman. If you have not read it, I would suggest that you do. This is a good book for Airmen to read whether you are a Baby Boomer or a member of the Millennium Generation.

The book will provide you with a deeper understanding of globalization and the affect it is having on the world we live in today. I believe that it will open many people's eyes to things they never knew concerning globalization in the workforce, financial markets and politics. Additionally, the book provides a historical perspective on how we got to where we are and the author's vision of where we are going in the future.

--Did you know that Indian accountants in India do many American's tax returns?

--Did you know that an Indian Doctor in India may be reading your MRI or CAT scan while you sleep?

--Did you know that Japan is outsourcing to China?

--Did you know that China's goal is to beat the US at its own game?

--Did you know that China and India produce more scientists than the US?

--Did you know that as technology advances, outsourcing increases, and world-wide competition for jobs increase?

I believe that those of you that have children will find this book particularly interesting. The understanding of globalization that you gain from reading "The World is Flat" may help you better prepare your children to compete in the new world job market. Your child's future and standard of living may be influenced with the knowledge you gain.

The topics discussed in this book may seem rather deep. However, it is important for us as members of the military to have a familiarity with these important issues for our own situational awareness.

The knowledge gained from reading "The World is Flat" will enhance your understanding of the statements made by our leaders (both military leaders and politicians). It will create a deeper understanding of our focus on embracing diversity, the importance of awareness of cultural differences and how globalization may affect us



State Command Chief Master Sgt. Ralph Braden offers his perspective on various topics each month.

in our military and/or civilian lives.

This knowledge is important for us in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard as we may deploy to just about anywhere in the world at a moments notice.

Hangin' on the greens...



The Annual Wing Benefit Golf Tournament held on August 21st brings out 193rd members and local company Wing supporters together to raise funds for the Central PA Food Bank and the Sp Ops Warrior Foundation.

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Chaplain's Corner

Scope it out

By Chaplain Father Robert Humenay



The materialist Marx muttered that religion was merely a drug. The cynic cries that theology is a crutch. The secularist and socialist sigh that, if there is a god, he/she is not within sight of us or we of It! While the naked eye is fit, if you have 20/20 vision, for common everyday sight and for things within our grasp, It takes a telescope for the human eye to see into outer space, and a microscope to see into the infraworld.

It takes the lens of religion, of theology, to see beyond our localization to a world beyond outer space, and deep down into the inner space of the soul.

It takes religion, piety, the church, to correct our myopia, our dyslexia, or near-sightedness about the meaning of life.

It takes true religion and revelation to correct, as if by divine laser surgery, the cataracts of violent religion and near blindness of totalitarian ideologies. Scope It out! You may be surprised!



President proclaims Patriot Day

Seven years ago, our country was ruthlessly attacked, and more than 3,000 innocent people lost their lives. We will always remember the victims: sons and daughters, husbands and wives, dads and moms, family members, co-workers, and friends. And we will always be inspired by the heroism and decency of our fellow citizens on that day. Police, firefighters, emergency rescue personnel, doctors, nurses, and many others risked their own lives to save the lives of their fellow citizens. They demonstrated the great character and bravery of our Nation, and they embody the great spirit of

the United States of America.

Since September 11th, 2001, America has fought a relentless war on terror around the world. We are staying on the offensive in this war -- striking the terrorists abroad so we do not have to face them here at home. We pray that God watch over our brave men and women in uniform and all who are waging this war and working to keep America safe. And we pray for their families. In the face of danger, America is showing its character. Seven years after the attack on our country, Americans remain strong and resolute, patient in a just cause,

and confident of the victory to come.

By a joint resolution approved December 18, 2001 (Public Law 107-89), the Congress has designated September 11 of each year as "Patriot Day."

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2004, as Patriot Day. I call upon the Governors of the United States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, as well as appropriate officials of all units of government, to direct that the flag be flown at half-staff on Patriot Day. I call upon the people of the United States to observe Patriot Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities, including remembrance services, to display the flag at half-staff from their homes on that day, and to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. eastern daylight time to honor the innocent victims who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this tenth day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-ninth.

- PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. David Hawkins

Michaela Bailey, 10, delivers a pie in the face to her Dad, Lt. Col. Dan Bailey, during the Pie in the Face event sponsored by the Wing Enlisted Council. Lt. Col. Bailey was one of the lucky winners in the voting for who would receive the pie and his daughter was the high bidder to deliver the pie personally. Proceeds from the fundraiser benefit the Wing Enlisted Council and Family Day events.

